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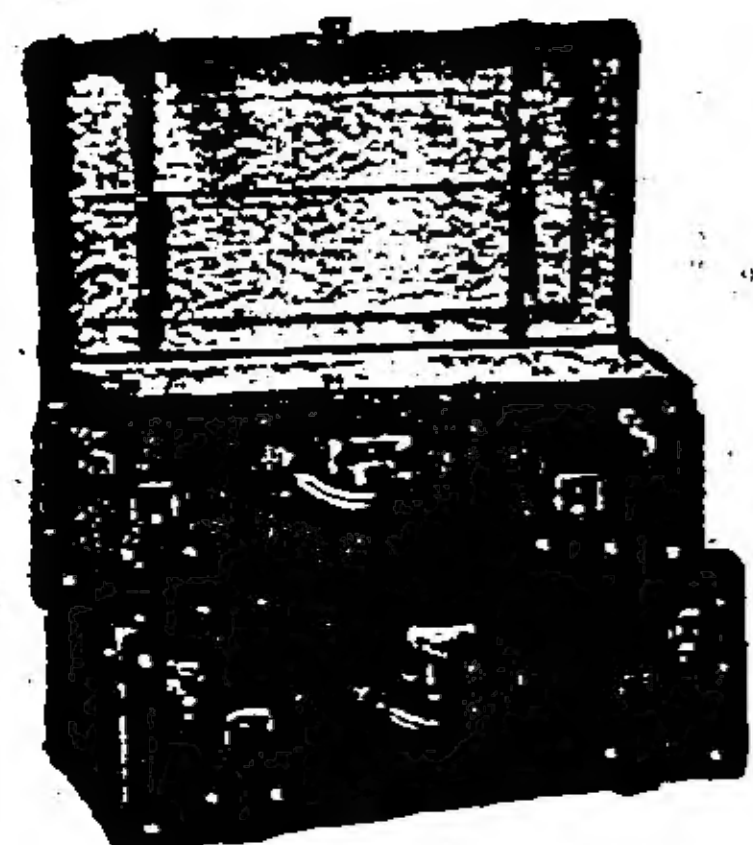
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuters' Service to the China Mail.)

POWERS' GENOA PROPOSALS.

RUSSIANS ACCEPT.

SOVIET AWAITING "FINAL TRIUMPHS."

GENOA, May 17.

The Russians have accepted the powers' proposals with certain proposed modifications which will be discussed by the political sub-committee this afternoon.

FRONTIER TRUCE.

GENOA, May 17.

M. Chicherin presumed that the frontier truce would include the allied Soviet republics, also aggression by bands. He demanded that Wraighed bands be removed to distant countries and objected to the appointment of two commissions as perpetuating the Genoa method, but finally agreed to participate in the second commission. He concluded by suggesting Stockholm or Riga instead of the Hague, but said he was agreeable to Rome or London.

Mr. Lloyd George objected to London because Britain had a definite live policy.

"COLLAPSE OF THE ENTENTE."

LONDON, May 17.

A message from Moscow states that M. Joffe has arrived from Genoa to report to the all-Russian central executive on the conference.

Interviewed he said that Genoa had played the collapse of the Entente and the League of Nations, and had shown that a united capitalist front against Russia could not continue. "Relying on our own forces we confidently await our final triumphs."

GENOA, May 17.

It is finally decided that the mixed commission shall meet at the Hague, the Dutch delegation giving assurance that the Soviets will have the same rights as the other Powers. All the delegations including the Russian have accepted the amended proposals submitted to Russia, which now provide for the inclusion of all the soviet republics in the truce. The duration of the non-aggression pact is four months after the Hague conference terminates. There will be a final plenary session on Friday.

HOME RETAIL PRICES.

SLIGHT DECREASE.

LONDON, May 17.

The *Labour Gazette* gives the average level of retail prices on May 1 at about 81 per cent above that of July in 1914, compared with 82 per cent on April 1.

FATAL TEXAS FLOODS.

BRIDGE COLLAPSES.

WACO, TEXAS, May 17.

The bridge over the river Brazos between Martin and Belton collapsed. Only six were rescued of thirty persons who were reported to have been on it watching the flood.

WORLD OUT OF JOINT.

HAMLET HOOVER'S REMEDIES.

WASHINGTON, May 19.

In a speech at the annual meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Hoover, the Secretary of Commerce, outlined the steps necessary to restore normality throughout the world, including peace in Europe; reduction of armaments; the fixing of inter-governmental debts, including German reparations, on a basis creating reasonable confidence that they be paid; the balancing of budgets by reduction of expenditure; and the ultimate establishment of the gold standard with the assistance of credits or gold loans, and where necessary acceptance of the diminished gold content of any of the old units of currency.

BRITISH NEW GUINEA COMPANY

DEBENTURE HOLDERS' CHOICE.

LONDON, May 17.

Debenture holders in the British New Guinea Development Company will hold a meeting on May 25 to consider the directors' scheme for voluntary winding up of the company and the formation of a new company with a share capital of £275,000 to take over the liabilities of the old company.

DICKENS' LETTERS.

AMERICAN'S PURCHASE.

LONDON, May 17.

The Chicago collector, Mr. Barrett bought for \$2,150 600 Dickens letters offered for sale at the Bodley-Conte's Library auction at Sotheby's.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/7 9/16.

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IRISH PEACE EFFORTS.

NEGOTIATIONS BREAK DOWN.

LONDON, May 17.

The Dail Eireann committee reported to-day that peace negotiations had broken down.

[A London cable dated May 12 stated: The Dail Eireann peace committee has agreed to resume negotiations. The House was accordingly adjourned to May 17. The truce continues.]

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

GOVERNMENT MEASURES.

LONDON, May 17.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Austen Chamberlain announced with regard to the Government defeat that the Government had decided to defer the wish of the House immediately to appoint a select committee of not more than nine members to enquire whether, in fixing the present salaries of teachers, the Government or Parliament gave an undertaking that the teachers' superannuation should not be altered. Meanwhile the Government would introduce a supplementary estimate of £600,000 to cover the cost of superannuation during the first three months of the year. (Ministerial cheers.)

GERMAN STRATEGIC RAILWAYS.

FORBIDDEN BY ALLIES.

PARIS, May 17.

The ambassadors' conference has decided to ban the construction of new German strategic railways in Rhineland and to request the suppression or modification of lines before the termination of the occupation period.

GERMAN OIL INTERESTS.

A BIG AMALGAMATION.

BERLIN, May 17.

An important reorganization of German oil interests is announced. In addition to a fusion of the Deutsche Bank and the Deutsche Petroleum Gesellschaft the Deutsche Bergbau Gesellschaft will change its name to Neudeutsche Petroleum Gesellschaft and take over the entire production, transport, and trade interests of the Deutsche Petroleum. It will also increase its capital by a hundred and fifty million marks.

BRITISH COAL FOR GERMANY.

OVER A MILLION TONS A WEEK.

BERLIN, May 17.

German factories and municipalities that are largely purchasing British coal ordered a million tons last week.

GERMAN COTTON MILL DESTROYED.

BY FIRE.

BERLIN, May 17.

The greater part of a large cotton works (the Wuerstembergische Baumwollmanufaktur) at Heidenheim have been burned down.

ENGINEERING DISPUTE.

ANOTHER ADJOURNMENT.

LONDON, May 18.

The engine engineering employers' proposals were discussed all day in a conference with the men, which was adjourned till to-morrow.

TINPLATE WORKS BUSY.

MANY ORDERS FROM FAR EAST.

LONDON, May 18.

A gratifying revival of trade had occurred in the South Wales tinplate industry which, despite the total absence of buying from Central Europe, is now turning out seventy per cent. of its capacity. Trade is especially active with the Far East.

THE IRISH SPLIT.

STILL ARGUING.

LONDON, May 17.

The second attempt of the Dail Eireann peace committee was abortive, in consequence of a disagreement on the question of the proportion of candidates at the proposed general election. The republicans insisted on their existing proportion, in the Dail. In the course of a long Dail discussion De Valera offered to cooperate with the provisional government. Mr. Griffith accepted, provided the republicans would not further obstruct business expressing their will. The debate then adjourned.

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1922.

DOMESTIC HYGIENE.

Many years experience has led Senior Sanitary Inspector P. T. Lambie M.B.E. to the opinion that the average Briton out here is inefficient in looking after domestic hygiene, especially in the quarters of his own servants. He says so in a pamphlet just received from the Head of our Sanitary Department, which pamphlet appears to be the first of a series with which the Government proposes to lighten our darkness. We believe the statement to be justified. Even if we could not depend upon our own observations of the local attitude in this matter, we should know it for true from a comment commonly made during and after the strike. Ever so many people then for the first time investigated the interiors of their own kitchens. The horrified disclosures then made, of the conditions discovered and condemned, must be regarded as so many involuntary admissions of previous indifference to these serious concerns. The pamphlet, copies of which may be had free of charge on application to our Sanitary Department, reminds us that these servants' quarters and kitchens are "never far removed from the occupier's own apartments." This means that it is not merely the servant's health which is endangered by dirty conditions, but the master's and mistress's. Our pamphlet suggests that we should provide baths, or at least lavatory conveniences, for our menials, not as an act of philanthropy, but as a measure of prudence. Observe one

of his disclosures: "A bath is a necessity in our houses. Is it often considered what means our domestics have of washing their bodies or clothes?" Not your business? Ah! But read on. "To a Chinese servant a saucypan is an article of the kitchen to boil things in, and whether it is a part of his master's dinner, or of his own underclothing, does not matter to him. The same thing applies to other utensils that are available when he feels inclined to apply water to his skin. Undoubtedly a bath of some description, and a certain amount of laundry accommodation for their use, should be provided whenever Asiatic servants are employed." We agree. If for any reason such as shortage of space, this cannot be done, we might suggest the establishing of a Servants' Night, on which they could use our own bath-rooms. The servant's own alternative, of boiling his singlet in the family saucypan, is too unpleasant to contemplate. Mr. Lambie reveals another thing we didn't know and describes the customary treatment of the scraps that leave our tables. It is worth every householder's while to investigate this, and to see that the suggestion of the pamphlet is adopted. Although the pamphlet is no longer than this article, it contains quite a lot of useful "tips" which, while tending to reduce the anxieties of our Medical Officer of Health, would certainly make us all feel more comfortable. It is probably the uncomfortable feeling with which we hear of such things that accounts for what is now called our indifference. We are not indifferent, really. Far from it. But we prefer not to hear or think about it. This, of course, is as foolish as the legendary behaviour of the ostrich hiding from his enemy by burying his head in the sand. These are real enemies to which we have

been shutting our eyes. The Department wants us to realize the position. Hence the free publication of pamphlets like this one. It is better that we should face the facts and deal with them than to try, out of delicacy, to dismiss them from our minds. Many people promised to look after such matters in future, after seeing what they did in strike time; but more need a like awakening. They should send for a copy of these hints and reminders.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Quarantine has been imposed by Ningpo on arrivals from Hongkong.

Quarantine was imposed by Newchwang on arrivals from Hongkong on March 15.

Viscount Tanaka, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Downie, Mr. D. J. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lay, Mr. and Mrs. S. Olsen, Mr. G. G. Wood and Capt. F. T. Wheeler, were among the passengers who departed by the s.s. "Hakone Maru" yesterday.

The Aberdeen dragon boat crew challenged a steam launch to a race on Tuesday evening. It had a disastrous ending as the dragon boat got in the wash of the launch and filled and sank. Fortunately all the crew could swim and they were picked up by native craft.

Suffering from injuries received through being knocked down by tramcar No. 8, at the junction of Connaught and Des Voeux Roads West, a Chinese woman was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital. Her injuries are not serious.

Capt. T. A. Mitchell, of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, leaves to-day on retirement by the "Empress of Asia." He has been with the company for over 30 years and has been 23 years in command. He has been in charge of the s.s. "Fook-sang" for the last 15 years.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Bute with their two children arrived here yesterday from Singapore and are leaving by the "Silver State." They are on a world tour and will proceed to Seattle and visit the States before completing their trip. In the party are Lady Jean Crichton-Stuart, Lord Robert Crichton-Stuart and Brigadier-General and Mrs. Cuthbertson.

Mr. H. M. H. Nemaize gives notice of his intention, in accordance with the conditions of purchase, and in uniformity with the names of vessels owned by him; to change the names of the steamships "Almeria" and "John Sanderson," to "Armanestan" and "Dahstestan," respectively, and to have them registered in the port of Hongkong as owned by him.

The s.s. "Trieste" brought among her passengers yesterday: Marquis and Marchioness of Bute, Lord John Crichton Stuart and Lady Mary Crichton Stuart; Brigadier-General Cuthbertson and Mrs. Cuthbertson; Mr. Parker-Ness, Miss Parker-Ness, Mr. States, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dymek, Mr. Berg, Sisters Knicker Maria, Marie Durdoo, Anna Frank, Anella Baj, Heller Anna, Strunk Marie, Rev. Val Schvartz, Bernatshchke, Norak, and Miss Hertha Herting.

Captain J. D. Allen, C.B., who commanded the light cruiser "Kent" of the China Station, is about to be transferred to the "Vernon" Torpedo School ship at Portsmouth. Captain Allen handled the "Kent" with consummate ability in that hard-fought action, which cost the "Kent," however, a slice of her active service life. It may be recalled that the gallant old cruiser, in making the speed record of her career in pursuit of the flying Germans, so strained her hull that it was found impossible to remedy it and she was sold out of the service at Hongkong.

THE HAWKER PROBLEM.

ONE MAN HAS TEN CONVICTIONS.

A Chinese with no fewer than nine previous convictions dating back to 1918, who had served six months in jail and paid fines amounting to \$30, was charged before Magistrate Fraser this morning at the instance of Sergeant Elston, with having hawked vegetables without a licence within the limits of the Central Market. Defendant, who said that he was 50 years of age, said that he had several times applied for a licence, and had always been refused. He was not strong enough to do cooie work, and was compelled to hawk to earn a living. Remarking that he must not hawk if he could not get a licence, the Magistrate imposed the maximum fine of \$100 or two months' hard labour.

SPECIAL CABLES.

RUSSIA SLUMP.

MALAYA FACING DISASTER.

COMPULSORY RESTRICTION URGED.

(From our own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, May 17.

Representative bodies of Malaya have decided to cable Mr. Winston Churchill, Minister of Colonies, recommending rubber restriction whether or not the Dutch Indies agree, as the finances of the country border on disaster.

"SUICIDAL COURSE."

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, May 17.

At the annual meeting of the Straits Rubber Company, Mr. E. L. Hamilton presiding said that he was convinced Malaya would be able to hold its own against any other producing country. It would be suicidal for Malaya to try to adopt a compulsory restriction scheme of its own, leaving other countries free to produce all they could.

BANISHMENT.

THE SAME AS DEPORTATION.

As both the terms "deportation" and "banishment" have been mentioned in newspaper reports of the Chan Ping-ang affair, a *China Mail* reporter asked the Captain Superintendent of Police for the "legal" difference of the terms, if any.

Mr. Wolfe said that the terms "deportation" and "banishment" are the same and can both be correctly used. Although the ordinance is called the "Deportation Ordinance," both terms are frequently used in its wording.

At home the term "deportation" is favoured, but here there seems to be a preference for the term "banishment."

As an example Mr. Wolfe pointed out that in Chan Ping-ang's deportation order occurred the sentence "Council approves banishment."

Mr. Wolfe added that the police too used the term "banishment" often, as when a man is brought before a Magistrate charged with "returning from banishment."

LOCAL NAVAL CHANGES.

THE "DURBAN" COMMAND.

The command of the light cruiser "Durban," China Station, is about to change hands, Capt. B. G. Washington, C.M.G., D.S.O., having been appointed to succeed her present skipper, with effect from May 10 next.

Capt. Washington joined the Royal Navy in January, 1892, was promoted Lieutenant in 1900, commander in 1913, and was serving in that rank on the ill-fated "Bacchante," light cruiser, when the Great War opened in 1914. He was with the "Bacchante" when she went down. Before being promoted captain in 1919, he had seen much hard work in various spheres of naval activity, work which brought him several mentions in despatches, the Companionship of the Distinguished Service Order and the C.M.G. After the war he was employed at the Admiralty as an Assistant to the Fourth Sea Lord, and in that capacity gave much satisfaction, his old captain of the "Bacchante," when the war started, the Honourable Algernon D.R.H. Boyle, C.B., C.M.G., M.V.O., being then Fourth Sea Lord in charge of Transport and Supplies.

MORE ARMED ROBBERIES.

BUT GOT NOTHING THIS TIME.

More daylight armed robbers have been reported. This time they operated in the heart of the city at 5.15 p.m., yesterday. The mistress of the second floor of No. 23, Wellington Street and her sister were having their meal in the sitting room, in the front part of the flat, when four men, one armed with a revolver, entered. Two of the men remained in the sitting room while the other two went into the kitchen and tackled the man. One of the men in the sitting room produced a revolver and threatened to shoot if the two frightened women gave the alarm. He then ordered the mistress to go and lock the flat door. She took advantage of the opportunity, slipped out of the flat and ran to the floor above where she gave the alarm. A police whistle was blown. This upset the robbers who fled, without taking anything, although they had opened several boxes and left the place topsy-turvy.

ILLEGAL LOTTERIES.

A BOY SCAPEGOAT.

A small boy who gave his age as 12 years, was charged before Magistrate Fraser this morning with the unlawful possession of 413 paper lottery tickets.

The defendant said that he was paid 10 cents by a man whom he met outside the Central Market, to take a parcel to the Wanchai Market. He did not know what the parcel contained.

A Chinese Sergeant said that he noticed the defendant acting in a suspicious manner in D'Aguiar Street, and when the witness approached him, made as if to run. He was detained and a newspaper parcel which he was carrying examined. When the witness found the lottery tickets he took the defendant to the police station.

Inspector D. Macdonald said that besides the tickets, the parcel also contained a bundle of applications for tickets. Evidently the defendant was delivering the tickets when he was arrested.

The Magistrate remarked that it was a pity that the Sergeant had arrested the boy, as he felt sure there must have been a grown-up person behind the affair.

The Inspector said that undoubtedly that was so, but beyond what he had told the Court, the boy had refused to say any more.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$400 or in default, three months' imprisonment at Laicheekok. The lottery tickets were ordered to be destroyed.

STABBED ON S.S. "HONAM."

PASSENGER SERIOUSLY HURT.

A Chinese passenger from Canton by the s.s. "Honam," and a fireman employed on the ship, quarrelled over money matters during the voyage. Words led to blows, and in the course of the struggle, the fireman was alleged to have stabbed the passenger twice in the back. Ship's officers attended to the wounded man's injuries as best they could, and on the vessel's arrival in port yesterday afternoon, the police flag was flown as soon as the ship had moored alongside the wharf. The police immediately summoned the motor ambulance and had the wounded man speedily removed to the Government Civil Hospital. The fireman was arrested.

This morning the man, Sin Kwong was produced before Magistrate Fraser charged with having caused grievous bodily harm to Wong Kam, a fishmonger of Canton.

Inspector John Grant, who had charge of the prosecution, asked for a week's formal remand, which was granted, the hearing being for 10 a.m. on May 25.

The patient is reported to be in a bad way.

CHIN NGO COLLEGE.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The prize distribution of the Ching Ngo College was held at the Great Eastern Theatre at 11 a.m. yesterday. Mrs. A. R. Cavalier was requested to distribute the prizes. Among the guests present were Mr. Cavalier (Inspector of Chinese Schools) Mrs. Cavalier, Mr. Forrest (Inspector of English Schools), Mrs. Forrest and Mrs. Hughes.

The Headmaster Mr. I. T. Pun, B.Sc., opened the meeting with a report on the College during the School year 1921-1922. Then Mr. and Mrs. Cavalier and Mr. Forrest were requested to address the boys. Mr. Cavalier spoke to the effect that from what he knew of Mr. Pun, he was sure that Mr. Pun makes a very good teacher, that the boys were very lucky to have themselves educated at the Ching Ngo College, and that whatever the boys learned from Mr. Pun must be very instructive and worth while having. Mr. Forrest said that speaking from experience and from what he found on inspecting the schools in Hongkong, Ching Ngo College is one of the best schools and that he wishes there were more people like Mr. Pun in the education line who would run efficient and well managed schools. Mr. Cavalier then distributed the prizes. The meeting closed after cheers were given for Mrs. Cavalier, for the Inspector of English Schools, for the guests and for the Headmaster.

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HONGKONG'S WOMEN FOLKS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—The changes that have taken place in Hongkong during the period of a year or so are too numerous for an account, and it is distinctly clear that these changes have turned excellent shape, and we are like living in a surrounding where there is nothing but joy and splendour, but the people who participate in one or the other function where ladies are usually gathered in plenty, have gone too far altogether and they have almost forgotten the modes of etiquette in every day life, and their so doing is a perfect disgrace not only to their own self, but to whatever community they may happen to associate.

First of all, I strongly criticize the present action of the young ladies of Hongkong, who nowadays, it is their custom to frequent dancing halls and there to associate with men of all grades. It seems clear that these ladies have become totally independent, and I would imagine that many ideal mothers have been deeply struck with the change of their daughters. I have come to know of many instances where daughters of family are a difficult problem to their parents, wherein they are uncontrollable.

At his sermon at the Roman Catholic Cathedral the other day, the Rev. Father Bianchi openly protested to the present day immorality of fashions of some of those who congregated at the Church. These Catholic ladies are not the only people to be put to strong criticism, but of all the others, English as well as Chinese etc., who would persistently show themselves in the public throng in thin-clad clothing, in such a state that gentle folks would shudder with genuine disgust.

Immorality, as I put it, is even carried as far as to the sea-shore. The women folks would never consider that their life is a delicate one, and they are particularly fond of bathing in the sea, but there is absolutely no reason why they should not attire themselves in a proper dress for ladies, but like to be clad in an ordinary man's costume.

With regard to dancing in this Colony, it appears that it has come to stay. Dancing, if I might say, ruins the character of a girl of respectable family. We believe modern method of dancing has done much to break down respect for womanhood, was one of the statements contained in an appeal for suppression made by a principal of an American school, and he further says that extremes in dress are deplorable. There is this state of affairs, which is in common everywhere, but the moral standards of a community must and always stand to the best, and suppression of any acts of indecency must be put to full activity. If these acts be practiced as frequently as ever, what the younger generation would have in their mind, and it would not be far distant time before these youngsters rise to know all these immorals of the people, and they undoubtedly become imitated by them.

With regard to the Chinese ladies of the Colony, there is a majority of those who have also neglected the significance of but a simple and modest appearance before the general public. None of these ladies should at any single moment, believe that as they have been to school where English is taught, and they are able to converse in the language fluently, it does not likely follow that in the matter of dress, it should be semi-European, in which case the appearance looks far from anything smart. It seems rather strange that some of these ladies and girls are in the habit of patronizing the dancing floor. Such a change in the modern Chinese school-girl is a remarkable surprise, and what next they will do!

Yours etc.

M.T.S.

FATAL LANDSLIDE.

QUARRYMAN KILLED.

A landslide occurred at No. 9, Stone Quarry, Matakok, at 10.30 yesterday morning, resulting in the death of a stonebreaker. The unfortunate man was working on a large piece of granite on the hillside, when suddenly he was bowled over and buried by an avalanche of falling earth and heavy pieces of granite from above. Rescue gangs were immediately organized and rescue work promptly undertaken, but when the man was extricated, he was dead with his head smashed in. He must have been struck by one of the heavy slabs of granite and killed instantaneously.

STRIKE ROBBERY.

KOWLOON REVOLVER CHASE RECALLED.

PRISONER WITH BULLET IN HIS BACK.

Hanging moodily over the Summary Court dock, in his back the bullet the prosecution asserted would help to prove his guilt, a chub-faced Chinese with bushy black hair, listened to the Crown Solicitor (Mr. H. K. Holmes) telling the Police Judge (Mr. J. R. Wood) and a jury, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, the details of a gang robbery and revolver battle in Kowloon during the recent women's strike.

The jury was composed of Messrs. K. E. Greig (foreman), E. Manning, H. Griffin, W. Wong, C. F. J. Quarles van Ufford, A. dos Remedios, and J. C. V. Ribeiro.

The Crown Solicitor said that the prisoner, Wong Sang, was charged in connection with a robbery committed in a small Chatham Road house, near the railway station on March 4 about 7 o'clock. The wife of the tenant, an engine driver, was lying on the bed in her cubicle suffering from toothache when two men entered. One man held a revolver and warned her to keep quiet. Her little son was "shrieking with terror," and she was very much upset. She told the robbers to "take what you like but don't frighten the child." After the cubicle had been ransacked, five or six men entered another cubicle, and after terrorizing the occupants with a revolver, stole a cash box, jewellery and other articles. A woman who came upstairs to investigate the noise was next forced to unlock her boxes. The two aunts who were leaving owing to the general strike were also robbed of their effects, one of them at the point of a dagger. They placed the number of robbers between eight and ten.

An alarm having reached the Hinghung police station, Sergeant Neal started away on his motor cycle. Near Homantin he overtook a patrol of Portuguese special constables doing strike duty. The whole party took up a position near the bridge. Shortly after eight o'clock, two men were seen approaching. One man advanced and was searched without result. The other man passed and then started to run away. The patrol advanced with a rifle and was able to identify the man. The fugitive evidently fired a shot. No flash was seen but the report left no doubt. Police whistles were blown. A Portuguese gentleman rushed out of his house into the road, and thinking the first shot was meant for him, fired a .38 Iver Johnson revolver in reply. The fugitive swung round and fired a shot. He then continued to run. Sergeant Neal fired five shots but the man eventually eluded pursuit.

About 10 o'clock the same night, a man came to the Kwong Wah Hospital with a gun shot wound in his back. At the Government Civil Hospital his wound was examined under x-rays, and a bullet was located in his back. "That bullet is still in his back," continued the Crown Solicitor, "and as far as can be judged, it appears to be a .33 calibre bullet."

"I ask you to find that the man who came to the hospital, the prisoner, was one of the men who participated in the robbery and the man who carried the revolver," continued Mr. Holmes. "The tenant's wife will give evidence that she identifies the prisoner as the man who robbed her. Mr. Remedios, of the special constable patrol, was able to identify the man chased owing to the light of a lamp just before the quarry made off. Evidence would also be given that some of the stolen property was found at a spot where the fugitive stood before the chase began."

As it was now one o'clock, Mr. Holmes said that he would call evidence after tiffin.

OBITUARY.

MR. PERCY DUDLEY YOUNG.

The death occurred at Saigon from typhoid fever on May 16, of Mr. Percy Dudley Young of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

A young man, he was only 26 years of age at the time of his death, the deceased had seen active service during the war. Joining the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank after demobilization in November, 1919, he was sent out East, a couple of months later, arriving here early in January 1920. He was first sent to the Bank's Pootung office where he remained until June 1920 then being transferred to Saigon where he had remained up to the time of his death. A keen sportsman, the deceased was popular with a large circle of friends both in Pootung and Saigon, and the news of his death will be received by many as a great shock. Much sympathy is felt for the deceased's relatives at home. He is unmarried.

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 1922

LOCAL LABOUR.

UNION ASKS FOR MEDIATION.

SHIPOWNERS REPLY.

Yesterday the Seamen's Union was still talking strike and in the afternoon despatched a letter to Mr. R. Sutherland, the Chairman of the Shipowners' Committee. This letter stated that the Union did not understand why Chan was arrested and they regarded it as a contravention of Article VII of the recent strike agreement. The Shipowners' Committee was asked to act as mediator in the matter with the Government. No threat of strike was contained in the letter.

Mr. Sutherland acknowledged in receipt and communicated its contents to the Government.

GOVERNMENT'S EXPLANATION.

The following letter has been addressed by His Excellency the Governor to His Majesty's Consul-General at Canton:

Hongkong, 18th May, 1922.

Sir, I have the honour to forward a copy of a telegram which has been received from the Associated Chambers of Commerce at Canton with reference to the harassment of Chan Ping-shang.

2.—The Associated Chambers refer to the action of this Government as constituting a breach of the agreement made on the 5th March with the Seamen; and I shall be glad therefore if you will bring to their notice the exact wording of the undertaking by this Government with regard to banishment, which is given at page 4 of the enclosed print.

3.—The fact that Chan Ping-shang is, or was, an officer of the Seamen's Union, has nothing whatever to do with his banishment, which has been decided upon solely on the ground that he is a confessed murderer, convicted also of a murderous attack upon a Police Officer. This Government has found it necessary, in the interests of peace and good order, to refuse the hospitality of the Colony to criminals of this type; and it regrets that it is unable to accede to the request of the Associated Chambers that Chan Ping-shang should be allowed to remain here.—I have, etc.

(Sd.) R. E. STUBBS,
Governor, etc.
His Britannic Majesty's Consul-General, Canton.

To H.E. the Governor and the Hon. Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

We have been informed by various Labour Associations that Chan Ping-shang, President of the Seamen's Union, has been detained by the Hongkong Government for no crime, and we are asked to fight the case with all our effort.

This is a breach of Article 7 of the Conditions for the settlement of the strike of the seamen. Your Government has all the time treated people with faith and justice. Why is this done suddenly? We beg that he may be released at once, so that no trouble may arise. Then it will be a great boon.

UNION OF ALL COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATIONS, IN THE WHOLE PROVINCE OF KOWLOON.

The print referred to was Government Notification No. 121 which appeared in the Government Gazette of the 10th March, 1922, and the extract mentioned reads as follows:—

"An assurance was given that no officers or members of the Seamen's Union would be banished on the ground of holding office or of membership."

GUILD'S LETTER.

The Shipowners' Committee met this morning when Mr. R. Sutherland read the letter received from the Union and obtained approval of his reply.

The Union letter is enlightening as covering the whole ground of the Union's complaint. It reads as under:—

To the Chairman of the Shipowners. Dear Sir, We beg to inform you that on the 11th inst. while our chairman was signing some important documents, suddenly came up a man with a warrant in his hand, summoned him to the Central Police Station and was detained there. We are quite surprised at the Government's action as Mr. Chan has done nothing wrong neither did he violate the laws of this Colony. The general appeal to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs by the Guilds of Hongkong for the release of Mr. Chan has been taken place on 14th inst. but our proposals were flatly refused, and upon the explanation of Mr. Halliday that Mr. Chan's arrest had nothing whatever to do with his activities during the recent strike but as he had committed a crime and was considered a dangerous person his presence in

WHERE IS HEUNG IU?

LOCAL SUPREME COURT'S INTEREST.

"Heung In!" No response. "Heung In!" Still no response. "No appearance, your lordship," said the Chinese interpreter addressing the Justice (Mr. J. R. Wood) at the Criminal Sessions this morning. The Crown Solicitor explained that Heung In's presence was required to answer a charge of uttering a false instrument.

The Justice: Very well, then. I shall make an order restraining his bail and issue a warrant for his arrest.

The Crown Solicitor: In the Ordinance the words occur "on his failure to appear during the sessions." I would suggest that you wait until the sessions close before finally making the order.

The Justice: I can make a provisional order. The warrant to be issued at the close of the session. The court then turned its attention to the next case.

Hongkong was no longer desirable and therefore Mr. Chan has been deported by the Government on the 15th inst. without giving us notice.

We further beg to announce to you that Mr. Chan's case is a mistake. His wife whether killed by Chan himself or by his assailant is still not known and as there is no evidence known so he was set free by the Canton Government and we do not know on what ground did the Hongkong Government take to have him deported. The Government's idea, we dare say, is only based on the murder case to banish him in order to make a breach of faith and of violation of term 7 of our strike settlement.

In term 7 of our strike settlement it was stipulated that the Hongkong Government would take no steps against officials and members of the Seamen's Union provided they did not violate the laws of the Colony after they returned to Hongkong after the above has been recognised by the Hongkong Government in the presence of the British Consulate in Canton and also the delegate of the Canton Government. Now the Hongkong Government took this step in so doing provided that he wanted to break his promise.

At present all the guilds of the community of Hongkong are feeling dangerous that the same case may happen and are in a desperate position and it must be peaceful and settled or to have another resistible attempt. As you are familiar with the Government of this matter, now all the workmen of different guilds are in great excitement and anger, especially our members, therefore we shall be glad if you will kindly reply us at your earliest convenience.

The letter is signed by Choy Man Shan, the Vice-Chairman.

THE REPLY.

The reply to this letter points out in the first place that the Shipowners' Committee took no part in the settlement between the Chinese seamen's delegates and the Government on points that did not affect the shipowners, neither was any representative of the shipowners present at such discussion or settlement. The text of the Guild's letter was forwarded to the Government who authorized Mr. Sutherland to inform the Guild that the banishment of Mr. Chan was in no way connected with his position as late President of the Union.

"In the circumstances" the letter concludes "you will appreciate that the incident is quite outside the province of the Shipowners' Committee."

AT THE UNION.

Officials of the Seamen's Union when seen this morning were not inclined to be communicative. Asked as to the position they replied that they were awaiting a reply to the letter sent to Mr. Sutherland. Further queries as to the position in the event of this reply being unfavourable simply elicited the response "I don't know." The speaker was the Secretary of the Guild.

"Can we say there will be no strike?"

"Yes, I think so" came the reply but a few minutes afterwards information was volunteered that another meeting was to be held in Canton tomorrow.

You have seen the Hongkong Government's letter in the papers?

Yes.

Well what are you going to do?

I don't know.

So the questioning proceeded with the same result of no really definite answers until the scribe became weary and departed.

CLEAR CASE.

KOWLOON ROBBER SENT TO JAIL.

Details of an early morning robbery in April, when a lonely richa passenger was stopped by three men, were retailed to the Police Judge (Mr. J. R. Wood) and a jury comprising Messrs R. E. Greig (foreman), E. Manning, H. Griffin, W. Wong, C. F. J. Quarles and J. C. V. Ribeiro, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The Crown Solicitor, Mr. H. K. Holmes outlined the case for the prosecution. About 4 a.m. on April 12, he said, Wong Shu Yuen, a seaman employed on the oil tanker "Clam," was proceeding in a ricksha from Yau-mat to Hangghom. Near the junction of Gascogne and Nathan Roads the ricksha lights failed. While the coolie was endeavouring to relight the lights, three men appeared in the almost deserted street and asked Wong where he was going. Almost before he could answer, two of them seized him, while the other searched him, stealing \$50 in notes and 60 cents in silver. The robbers then told Wong to continue his journey to Hangghom in the ricksha, but he protested he had no money to pay the coolie. They replied they had paid the fare. Having seen no money, the robbers were still dissatisfied and started to walk when they threatened to assault him unless he entered the ricksha. Wong thereupon obeyed. He had gone a short distance only, however, when he met an Indian constable and told him what had happened. The Indian promptly blew his whistle and gave chase to three men who had been seen standing together about two hundred yards further down the street, sharing the spoils, the prosecution alleged. These men, who had been visible in the light from the street lamps, now scattered. The Indian followed by the police, endeavoured to catch one man, Sergeant Baker and a Chinese constable soon reached the vicinity. The Indian lost sight of his man, but Sergeant Baker in another street seeing a man running fired at him. The man got away, but a short time later the Chinese constable searching an alleyway found the prisoner now before the court standing in a doorway leaning against the wall. A little later the Indian arrived with Wong who at once identified the captive as one of the three robbers.

Before the Magistrate the prisoner made the following statement:—

I did not commit a robbery. I only wanted to borrow from him. The complainant blew a whistle and the Indian constables assaulted me. The complainant also assaulted me. I was beaten all the way to the police station. They beat me with their fists. I asked the complainant, "Are you a seaman?" He said "Yes." Then I tried to borrow money from him. He accused me of robbing him and called the sergeant to strike me. I admit having taken fifty cents from the complainant. I did not say "If you make a noise I will have to strike you." That is all.

After the prosecution's evidence had been given, the prisoner stated that he did not tell the police station interpreter he had stolen the \$10 found in his possession. That money he had earned working as a substitute on a Blue Funnel steamer. Of the 60 cents he took from the complainant he afterwards paid the ricksha coolie 20 cents. At the police station he was "so badly struck" that he confessed he stole the 60 cents.

Addressing the jury, the judge said that the evidence was perfectly straightforward. The only point at issue was whether the prisoner issued a notice of 60 cents as he claimed, or \$50 and 60 cents as the prosecution alleged.

One of the jurymen inquired if the prisoner had a witness to prove that he did work on a Blue Funnel boat and was informed that the prisoner was not calling any witnesses.

The jury then returned a verdict of "guilty" and the judge passed sentence of three years' hard labour.

The Canton Times reports that in consequence of the salt labourers' strike, all salt cargo boats have suspended running. Special police protection is being provided to facilitate resumption.

CROUP.

This disease is so dangerous and so rapid in its development that every mother of young children should be prepared for it. It is very easy to catch the attack of croup appears and unless it is treated at once it will be fatal. Croup is a very common disease and has never been known to fail in any case. Always have a bottle in the house. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

There were 189 deaths in Canton during last month.

The Commissioner of Public Health, Canton, has announced that all Chinese doctors in the city will be required to pass an examination.

LAUNCH DISPUTE.

NEGOTIATIONS BREAK DOWN.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

Negotiations in the dispute between launch-owners and the launchmen who have threatened to strike to day unless a settlement is reached, continued yesterday afternoon. Representatives of the owners and the men's Association met at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, the owners proposing the following terms:—

\$15 a month for sailors and stokers with an annual increase of 50 cents until the maximum (\$17) is reached. \$20 for coxswains of launches under 75 feet in length with an annual increase of \$1 until the maximum (\$30) is reached. \$30 for coxswains of launches over 75 feet in length with an annual increase of \$1 until the maximum (\$45) is reached. \$25 for No. 1 engineers of launches under 75 feet in length with an annual increase of \$1 until the maximum (\$39) is reached. \$29 for No. 1 engineers of launches over 75 feet in length with an annual increase of \$1 until the maximum (\$44) is reached.

A crowded meeting of the Engineers and Coxswains Guild considered these proposals, and after discussion resolved to insist on the Association's demands.

NEGOTIATIONS FAIL.

Negotiations in the launchmen's dispute broke off to-day without any settlement being reached. Delegates of the men and launch owners met at 11 o'clock this morning. The union delegates held out for their original demand for increased wages. The owners' delegates said they could make no further offer. A protracted discussion ensued, the meeting terminating fruitlessly. The ultimatum of the men expires this afternoon but it is pointed out that the men's delegates have been at pains to indicate that they do not know just what will happen when the time limit expires.

MAN WHO CAME BACK.

AND WENT TO JAIL EVERY TIME.

For fully twenty minutes this morning, the Supreme Court devoted its closest attention to meeting the most ardent wish of one humble Chinese.

Lee Yau had shown himself anxious to remain in Hongkong, so anxious, indeed, that he had four times defied a deportation order.

Even this morning, when charged before the Police Judge (Mr. J. R. Wood) at the Criminal Sessions, Lee Yau gave the court every assistance in helping him to realise his dearest ambition. He pleaded guilty.

The Court could do no less than perform its part. It saw to it that he should remain in this fair Colony for three years—in jail. Furthermore it thoughtfully added hard labour to the sentence in order that the time should not hang too heavily on his hands.

Lee Yau's record showed that he first began his career of crime in the Colony in 1915 when he was sent to jail for three months for receiving stolen property. When this sentence expired he was banished for five years.

Next year Lee Yau returned to the Colony. For this he was sentenced to six months' jail with hard labour and again banished, this time for life. The very same year Lee Yau was back in the Colony again. After spending twelve months in jail, amending himself with hard labour, he was once more banished for life.

He now managed to resist the lure of Hongkong for a year and half. Then the inevitable happened. This time it was three years' jail, again with hard labour.

Good conduct lessened the length of his term in jail. When released he was the third time banished for life. This was the order he was this morning charged with disobeying. He had been arrested in the Colony for receiving stolen property and had just finished serving a six months' sentence and the remitted balance of his previous sentence.

PLAGUE.

Thirteen cases of plague (six fatal), four of small pox (two fatal), one of enteric fever, and one of diphtheria, all Chinese, were reported on Wednesday.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

PUBLIC BATHING BEACH AT STONECUTTER'S ISLAND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a ferry service to Stonecutter's Island has been arranged for with the Kau Lung Sze Yau Kai Ferry Co., Ltd. in accordance with the following time table:—

Commencing from the 15th instant every day.

Ferry leaves Pottinger Street Pier ... 5.00 p.m.
Ferry calls at Police Pier, Tsim Sha Teui ... 5.10
Ferry leaves at Police Pier, Tsim Sha Teui ... 5.15
Ferry arrives Stonecutter's Island ... 5.35
Ferry leaves Stonecutter's Island ... 6.45

On Saturdays, Sundays and all public holidays two additional ferries will run leaving Pottinger Street Pier at 3.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. respectively.

The above time table is subject to slight alteration if found desirable at a later date.

FARES:

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T. L. PERKINS,
Director of Public Works,
Public Works Office,
Hongkong, May 16, 1922.

KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART MAATSCHAPPIJ.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From BELAWAN, DELL PENANG & SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "VAN OVERSTRAATEN."

Having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at the risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 24th May, 1922, will be subject to rent. Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognised.

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All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 31st May, 1922, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chipped and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on any Tuesday or Friday between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the free storage period of one week.

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SPORT.**INTERPORT CRICKET.****A SINGAPORE SUGGESTION.**

In some notes dealing with the preparations which are being made for Interport Cricket matches played in Hongkong and Shanghai this season, the *Singapore Free Press* refers to a note in the *Penang contemporary* putting forward the suggestion that a Malayan team should visit China to take part.

While recognising the convenience of Hongkong as the venue for these triangular contests, the *Free Press* says that the feeling of the S.C.C. skipper and others seems to be—and rightly so—that Hongkong, and if possible, Shanghai, should next visit Malaya.

"As far as records serve us," the note continues, "the last occasion on which our Northern friends played in the Straits was as far back as 1891, when they met with defeat. On the other hand, we have visited Hongkong four or five times since that year, and have been very successful. Taking into consideration these facts, we feel sure that Hongkong and Shanghai recognise that, despite the central position of the northern port for these matches, Malayan cricketers would like next to be the hosts. It would be a great pity if these inter-port games were allowed to lapse, and we would suggest that an invitation be sent again to Hongkong and Shanghai for them to meet a Straits or Malayan team—or both—in this country. We can assure the visiting teams of a very hospitable welcome.

If it was found that Hongkong and Shanghai were unable to accept the invitation to visit Malaya, it might be possible to arrange for a team from Ceylon, Burma or Bangkok to come to Singapore for a series of matches. The ideal arrangement, of course, would be for Ceylon and Hongkong to come to Singapore and for triangular contests to be held. Many years ago, in 1890 we believe, the Straits met both Hongkong and Colombo at Singapore, defeating both teams, as well as a combined eleven."

BILLIARD HANDICAP.

PALACE HOTEL TOURNEY.
Playing in the semi-final of the Palace Hotel Tournament last night, W. G. Gerrard (—100) beat A. Gouley (—150). The final score was: Gerrard 250; Gouley 197. Highest breaks: Gerrard 21, 16, 13, Gouley 24, 23, 20, 18, 14.

Gerrard played a very consistent game, and in spite of his concession of 100 points to J. Parkes in the final, to be played on Friday night, he should, on last night's showing, put up a good fight.

To-night, at 9 o'clock, C. Bond meets A. Gouley, when they will try conclusions for third prize.

LEAGUE TENNIS.**C.R.C. v. H.K.C.C.**

The following pairs will represent the Chinese Recreation Club in their tennis league match against the Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday commencing at 4 p.m.—M. K. Lo, and M. W. Lo; W. Lock Wei, and Wong Po Kie; Wong Po Keung, and M. P. Lo.

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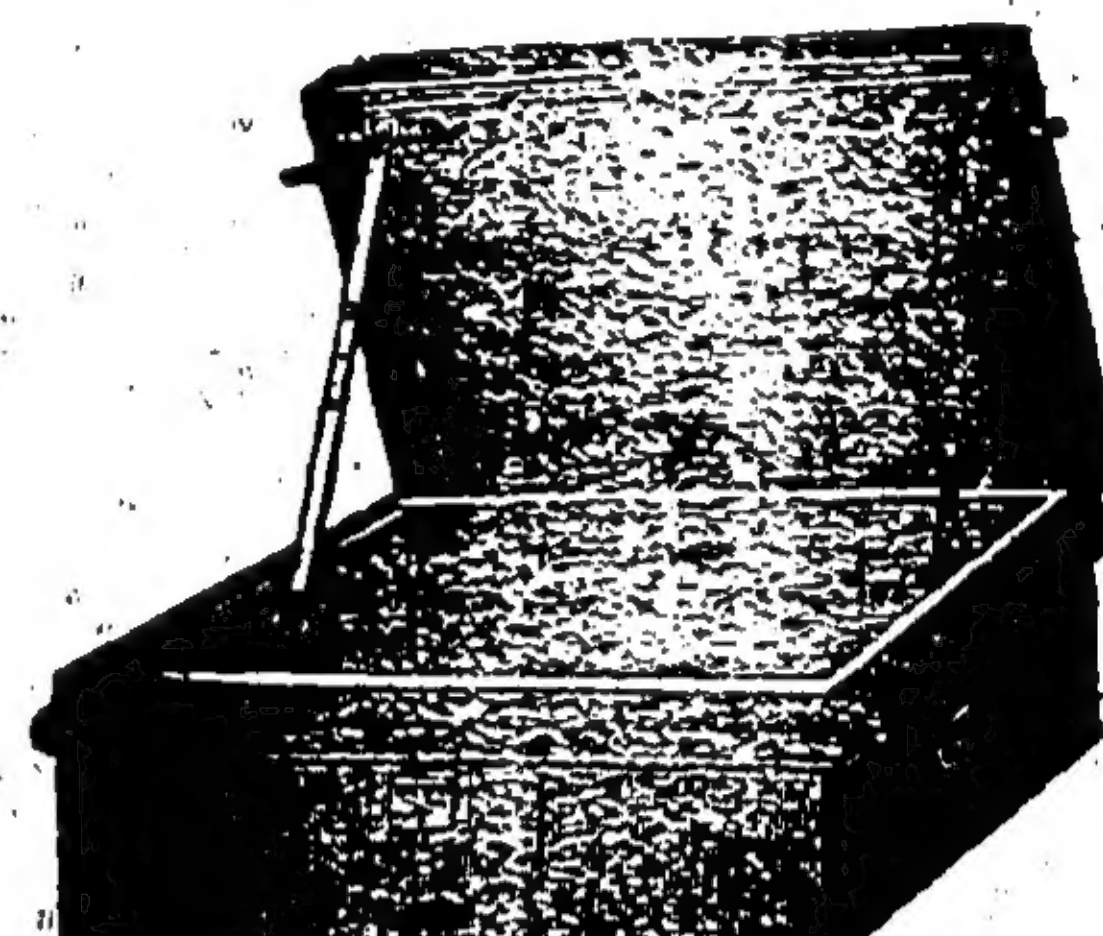
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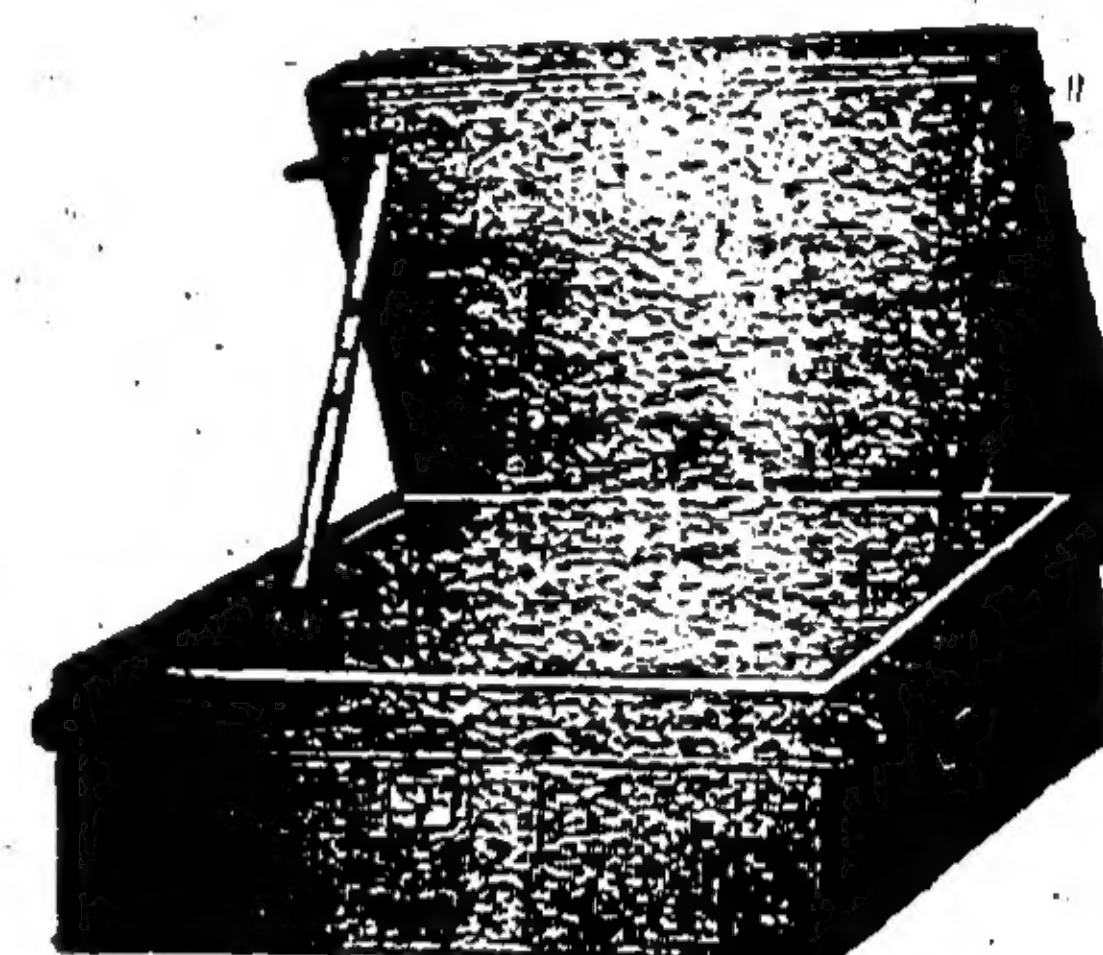
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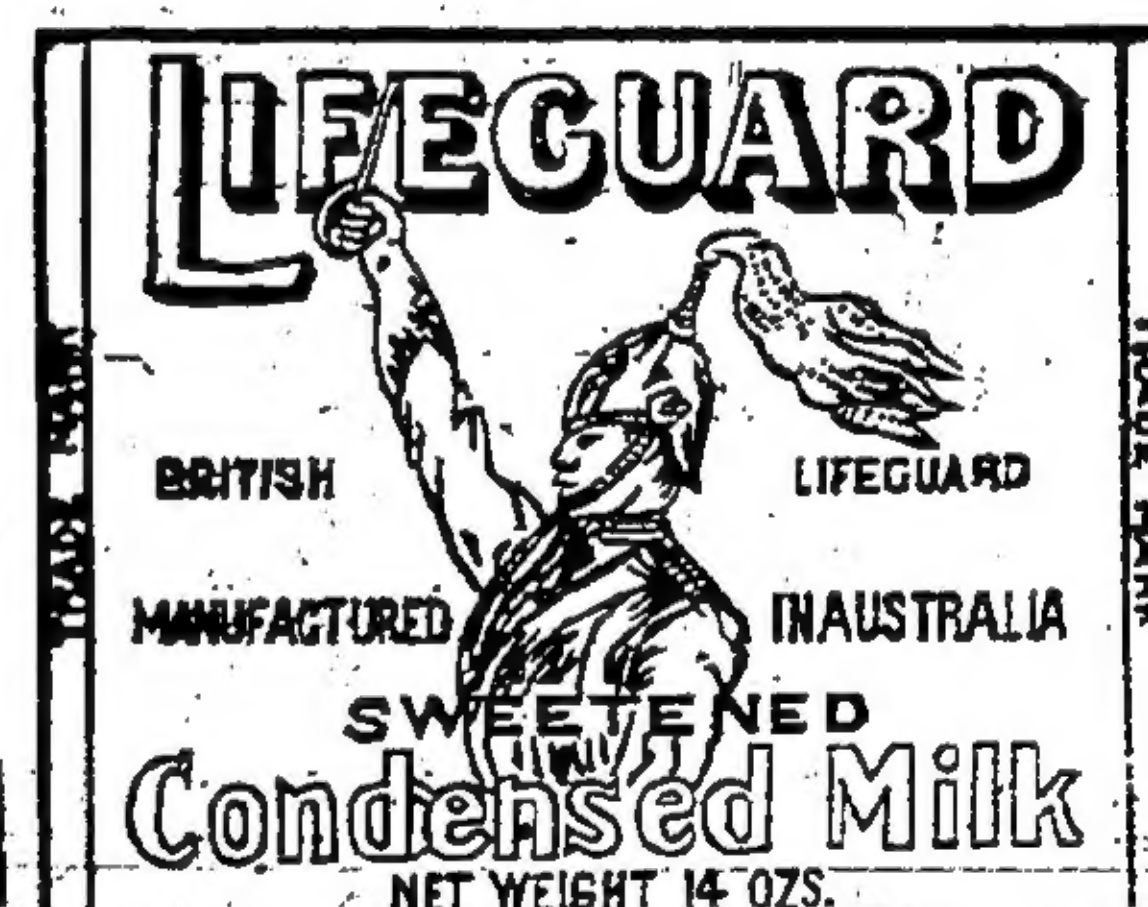
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